

REMARKS

Claims 5, 7-8, 12 , 15 and 18 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 6 and 9 under 35 USC §102(b) for the reasons cited in the office action.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to claim the limitation of a lip to retained the vamp along three sides of the vamp as discussed with the Examiner. The Examiner stated that this added limitation would overcome the references cited in the 35 USC §102(b) rejections of the office action.

In view of the aforementioned remarks and amendments, it is believed that claims 1-2, 6 and 9 are in condition for allowance and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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